

Report to the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation)

Date: 23 June 2015

Subject: Crowther Place / Lucas Court, Woodhouse – Waiting Restrictions

Capital Scheme Number: 16981/NES/000

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Hyde Park & Woodhouse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

- 1 The Best Council Plan 2013-17 outlines how Leeds City will achieve its ambition to become the Best City in the UK and Leeds City Council the best local authority. According to the Best Council Plan, the success of the Best Council objective: ensuring high quality public services will be partly measured through reduced numbers of people Killed or Seriously Injured on the city's roads. By improving the local road environment this will actively encourage children in to more active modes of travel on journeys to school, contributing to the Leeds Education Challenge, which is part of the objective to build a child friendly city, delivery of the Better Lives programme and contribution to "Public Health which is embedded and effectively delivering health protection and health improvement
- 2 Leeds City Council, being mindful of the above, is responsible for designing and implementing highway works associated with the school expansion/ development programme for North East Leeds Specialist Inclusive Learning Centre (SILC) in accordance with a number of planning conditions
- 3 The purpose of this report is to request authority to advertise a draft Traffic Regulation Order to introduce 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions in the vicinity of the North East Leeds SILC along Crowther Place, Melville Place, Moseley Place, Craven Road and Lucas Court.

Recommendations

4 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to:

i) Approve the design and implementation of 'No Waiting At Any Time' restriction on Crowther Place, Melville Place, Moseley Place, Craven Road and Lucas Court, Woodhouse, at an estimated cost of £4,500, all to be funded from the Children's Services Capital Programme. Details are shown on drawing TM-19-2318-12-CONSULT-01.

ii) Request the City Solicitor to:

a) Advertise a draft Traffic Regulation Order to introduce 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions along Crowther Place, Melville Place, Moseley Place, Craven Road and Lucas Court, Woodhouse and if no valid objections are received, to request that the City Solicitor make, seal and implement the order as advertised. Details are shown on drawing TM-19-2318-12-CONSULT-01.

1 Purpose of this report

1.1 To seek approval to advertise a draft Traffic Regulation Order to introduce 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions on Crowther Place, Melville Place, Moseley Place, Craven Road and Lucas Court as shown on drawing TM-19-2318-12-CONSULT-01 and if no valid objections are received, to request that the City Solicitor make, seal and implement the order as advertised.

2 Background information

2.1 The planning application seeks permission for the extension of the existing North East SILC on the site of the former Blenheim Centre to accommodate an additional 150 pupils.

2.2 The site lies within a predominantly residential area and all pupils are expected to be transported to the site by vehicle, with all the drop offs and pickups taking place on the site of the SILC.

2.3 The extension to the existing SILC is proposed to accommodate the demand for additional pupils. Although the site is adequately served by public bus services and is accessible on foot, these would be used mainly by staff at the school. Pupils attending the centre will be transported into the site by a vehicle.

2.4 The proposed highway improvements 'No Waiting At Any Time' restriction will be implemented to protect the access points to the site off Craven Road, Crowther Place junction with Moseley place and as well as the junction of Crowther Place/ Melville Place. Lucas Court will also have 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions on one side (east side) of the carriageway.

- 2.5 A proposed off street parking level to provide 100 spaces is proposed, for use by members of SILC staff and visitors. As such, it is considered that all staff and visitor parking should be contained off the public highway.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 The location of the North East (SILC) is predominately in a residential area and the expected parking demand to the SILC along Crowther Place, Melville Place, Moseley Place, Craven Road and Lucas Court has to be manage through the introduction of formal waiting restrictions as shown on drawing no: TM-19-2318-12-CONSULT-01.

- 3.2 To improve road safety in the area, it is proposed that on both sides of Crowther Road and its junctions of Melville Place and Moseley Place be introduce with 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions and the eastern side of Lucas Court and a small section of Craven Road, to be introduce with 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions to ensure the free flow of vehicles and to remove obstructive parking from the SILC frontage.

3.3 Design Proposals and Full Scheme Description.

- 3.3.1 To formalise parking within the area, it is also proposed to introduce 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions on Crowther Place, Melville Place, Moseley Place, Craven Road and Lucas Court. This will remove any on-street car parking associated with staff or visitor to the North East Leeds SILC.

- 3.4.2 The full extents of the 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions are as shown on drawings TM-19-2318-12-CONSULT-01.

3.5 Programme

- 3.5.1 It is anticipated that the proposal will be implemented within the 2015/ 2016 financial year.

4.0 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 Ward Members: Ward Members were consulted as part of the initial planning application, and were consulted by Highways by email dated 22 May 2015 and no replies have been received to date.

- 4.1.2 Emergency Services and WYCA were consulted by email dated 22 May 2015. A reply has been received from the Police, Fire and combined authority who are all in favour of the proposals.

- 4.1.3 The general public will be consulted via notices on street lighting columns during the public advertisement phase, along with an advert in the Evening Post newspaper.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 A full Equality, Diversity / Cohesion and Integration impact assessment has been carried out for the 'No waiting at any time' restrictions.

4.2.2 Positive Impact:

- Improved sightlines at junctions where restrictions are introduced.
- Improved awareness of existing crossing points for motorist.
- Improved footpath access for all pedestrians, which will include carers supporting pushchairs, wheelchair users and disabled people particularly the blind and visually impaired.

4.2.3 Negative Impact:

- The removal of the unrestricted carriageway section will move the indiscriminate parking to other location where there are no restrictions applied.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The Best City ambition is to improve life for the people of Leeds and make our city a better place. Measures to improve road safety make a specific contribution to the Best City for Communities and Child Friendly Leeds ambitions. Reducing the number of casualties involving loss of life or severe injury (Killed or Seriously Injured – KSIs) is one of the measures for the delivery of the objectives for the Best Council Plan.

4.3.2 The proposals contained in this report are in accordance with Plan Objective: Delivering Accessibility. The proposals also follow core strategy approaches A1 and A2 in that the scheme will improve physical accessibility and improve the highway for pedestrians.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

4.4.1 The estimated total cost to implement this scheme is £4,500, which comprises of £2,000 works costs, £1,500 staff fees, and legal fees £1,000, all to be funded from the Children's Services Capital Programme.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 The scheme is in the Annual Programme and subject to resolving any objections received it is anticipated to be completed within the 2015/2016 financial year.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 Objections to the permanent Traffic Regulation Order may be raised during the formal consultation and could result in a delay in implementing the orders.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 The proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions will improve overall road safety along Crowther Place, Craven Road and Lucas Court. It will also keep the entrances to the North East Leeds SILC free of on-street parking and allow for taxis and other vehicles to drop-off and pick-up pupils attending the centre to park without being obstructed by any vehicles.

6 Recommendations

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7 Background Papers¹

- 7.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.

Appendix 1

Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provides a record of both the **process** and **decision**. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions. Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.
- whether or not equality, diversity, cohesion and integration is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an impact assessment.

Directorate: Highway services	Service area: Traffic Management
Lead person: Peter Walwyn	Contact number: 0113 2475620

1. Title: Crowther Place/ Lucas Court – Proposed Waiting Restriction		
Is this a:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Strategy / Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service / Function	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
If other, please specify		

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening
<p>The screening focus on a report to the Highway and Transportation Board requesting authority to implement No Waiting At Any Time restriction on Crowther Place and Lucas Court.</p> <p>Crowther Place and Lucas Court are residential street which have access to the Specialist Inclusive Learning Centre. The SILC has not yet reached its full capacity, it is envisaged that this could take two to three years from opening.</p>

3. Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

All the council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – city wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, carers, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and any other relevant characteristics (for example socio-economic status, social class, income, unemployment, residential location or family background and education or skills levels).

Questions	Yes	No
Is there an existing or likely differential impact for the different equality characteristics?	x	
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns about the policy or proposal?	x	
Could the proposal affect how our services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		x
Could the proposal affect our workforce or employment practices?		x
Does the proposal involve or will it have an impact on <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment• Advancing equality of opportunity• Fostering good relations		x

If you have answered **no** to the questions above please complete **sections 6 and 7**

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above and;

- Believe you have already considered the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 4**.
- Are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 5**.

4. Considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

If you can demonstrate you have considered how your proposals impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you have carried out an impact assessment.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below (use the prompts for guidance).

• **How have you considered equality, diversity, cohesion and integration?** (think about the scope of the proposal, who is likely to be affected, equality related information, gaps in information and plans to address, consultation and engagement activities (taken place or planned) with those likely to be affected)

Consultation has taken place with Ward Members, the emergency services and metro and no objections have been received from them. Consultation has also been carried out

to all of the businesses affected.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key findings (think about any potential positive and negative impact on different equality characteristics, potential to promote strong and positive relationships between groups, potential to bring groups/communities into increased contact with each other, perception that the proposal could benefit one group at the expense of another) <p>It may be perceived that the scheme has a more positive impact on pedestrians and cyclists over motorists. However, the reduction in road casualties has a beneficial effect on all three groups.</p> <p>Positive Impacts of the scheme features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scheme removes on-street parking on Crowther Place and on the eastern side of Lucas Court, this will give better pedestrian movements and sight lines for both pedestrians and motorist. <p>Negative impacts;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The restriction may move the discriminated parking to another location.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions (think about how you will promote positive impact and remove/ reduce negative impact)

5. If you are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you will need to carry out an impact assessment.	
Date to scope and plan your impact assessment:	n/a
Date to complete your impact assessment	n/a
Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title)	n/a

6. Governance, ownership and approval		
Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening		
Name	Job title	Date
Nick Borrás	Senior Engineer	31/03/2015

<p>7. Publishing</p> <p>This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given. If you are not carrying out an independent impact assessment the screening document will need to be published.</p> <p>If this screening relates to a Key Delegated Decision, Executive Board, full Council or a Significant Operational Decision a copy should be emailed to Corporate Governance</p>

and will be published along with the relevant report.

A copy of **all other** screening's should be sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk. For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file (but not published).

Date screening completed	31/03/2015
If relates to a Key Decision - date sent to Corporate Governance	
Any other decision – date sent to Equality Team (equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk)	